House Resolution No. 948

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a momentous milestone in the life of one of Atchison County's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Esther Fletcher, a cherished resident of Fairfax, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday with a festive celebration and family dinner; and

Whereas, Esther Fletcher came into this world in Corning on February 24, 1913, since which time she has witnessed with pleasure such monumental events as man's walking on the Moon, the dawn of modern medical science, and the advent of the Internet; and

Whereas, Esther was a bright and curious little girl who enjoyed a happy childhood provided by her proud and loving parents, who lavished her with love and affection; and

Whereas, Esther embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Olin Fletcher, a kind and caring gentleman who enjoyed every moment of her company until his departure from this world in 1994; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Esther Fletcher enjoyed her family immensely and showed her special love for them by dutifully caring for her home and the family farm; and

Whereas, Esther Fletcher has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family which includes her three daughters, Joyce Burke, Shirley Beck, and Bonnie Fletcher (deceased); her six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; and her six step-great-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild; and

Whereas, now ninety years young, Esther Fletcher faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those she holds most dear:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Esther Fletcher as she celebrates ninety years of achievement, and in wishing her tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Esther Fletcher, as a measure of our esteem for her.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 948, adopted March 19, 2003.